



Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Minutes

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S Center Ave, Rm 203

Jefferson, WI 53549

Monday, November 10, 2014

Members: Margaret Burlingham (Chair), Walt Christensen (Vice Chair), Steve Nass (Secretary), Mariah Hadler, and Blane Poulson.

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Margaret Burlingham at 12:30 pm. Committee members Margaret Burlingham (Chair), Walt Christensen (Vice Chair), Steve Nass (Secretary), and Mariah Hadler were present. Also in attendance were Gerry Kokkonen, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD), Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD, and Michelle Staff, Planning & Zoning Department. Blane Poulson was absent.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the November Agenda:

The November agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Public Comment:

There were no comments at this time.

6. Communications:

- American Farmland Trust Conference attended by Margaret Burlingham - See attached.

7. Review & Approval of the October 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Steve Nass made a motion to approve the October 13, 2014 meeting minutes as written, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

8. Discussion and possible action on PACE applications:

a. Greg Wilke, Town of Waterloo

Margaret Burlingham told the committee that Wilke's farm is in compliance, on the list with the appraisers, and awaiting an appraisal confirmation.

b. Cliff Haberman, Town of Milford

Margaret Burlingham updated the committee on the Haberman easement. Haberman's is on hold awaiting grant funding to NRCS to fund an appraisal review. Burlingham told the committee the Haberman may still want to remove one of the homes from the easement and that the hazard assessment has been finished.

c. Gary & Mary Ann Kunz Trust, Town of Sumner

Margaret Burlingham told the committee that this farm is on hold because Kunz's are looking for a paid easement and at this time the budget isn't available.

d. Duane Koch, Town of Farmington

Margaret Burlingham told the committee that this farm is on hold because Koch's are looking for a paid easement and at this time the budget isn't available.

e. Stewart & Carol Calkins, Town of Palmyra

Margaret Burlingham told the committee that she hasn't gotten anything new from Calkins. The way the land is proposed to be annexed Calkins will most likely have to go with a private land trust.

f. Timothy Hunn, Town of Aztalan

Margaret Burlingham told the committee that Hunn's are on hold. Tim Hunn was sent an application, it has yet to be returned, and he is in compliance.

9. Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Report on Baseline Documentation for Easements:

Gerry Kokkonen will visit Wilke's and start the baseline documents. Kokkonen is awaiting confirmation on whether or not all buildings will be included with the final easement.

10. Discussion on future events that the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission would like to participate in and Community Outreach

Attending the Winter Farmers Market in Fort Atkinson 12/6/14.

11. Future Meeting:

December 8, 2014 at 12:30 pm in Room 203.

12. Suggestions for the Next Agenda:

Getting an article in the Farm Bureau Newsletter, and contacting Phil Ristow in regard to presenting our program to the County Bar Association.

13. Adjournment:

Mariah Hadler made a motion to adjourn at 1:20 pm, Walt Christensen seconded. Motion carried 4/0.